maintenance of roads during the last three years keeping in view the miserable condition of roads in urban and semi-urban areas;

(b) if so, the details of the same; and

(c) if not, whether Government will consider it and help the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Ministry of Surface Transport is, *inter-alia,* responsible for development and maintenance & repairs of National Highways (NH) only, all other roads being the responsibility of the respective State Governments. The following funds were allocated for the maintenance & repairs of NH during the last three years:-

Year	Maintenance & Repairs (Rs. in lakhs)
1995-96	28443.96
1996-97	37200.00
1997-98	49750.00

Coastal Highway Between Kanyakumari and Palasa

3820. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a coastal Highway in being planned from Kanyakumari to Palasa in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of this plan;

(c) what will be the the cost of this proposal; and

(d) the time schedule of this highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Private sector investment in development of Highways

3821. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to seek investment by private sector in development and improvement of National Highways; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A staement giving details of the projects to be taken up under private investment is annexed. *(See below)*

Statement

B.O.T. Projects in Pipeline

S. No.	State	Name of the Project	Approx. Cost (Rs. Crore)
1.	Delhi	Delhi-Gurgaon (6-lane)	315.40
2.	Gujarat	Construction of addl. 2-lane bridge across river Mahi with its approaches in km. 91/5 to 93/0 of NH-8	50.00
3.	Gujarat	Construction of additional bridge across Watrak river near Kheda on downstream of existing NH bridge	42.00

S. No.	State	Name of the Project	Approx. Cost (Rs. Crore)
4.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway (balance work)	400.00
5.	Gujarat	Gujarat SPV-Valasad Maharashtra Border (Km. 343-381.6) (length-38.6 km)	180.00
6.	Maharashtra	Construction of R.O.B. with approaches near Nashirabad village at km. 415/800 of Dhule-Nagpur Road NH-6 in lieu of level crossing at railway km 433/17-19 with strengthening to km. No. 414/00 to 419/00 of NH-6 under B.O.T. Scheme with till right.	11.00
7.	Maharashtra	Construction of major bridge acros Wainganga river in km. 491/00 including approaches on Nagpur-Raipur road, NH-6	25.00
8.	Maharashtra	Construction of additional two lanes roads with tunnel including strengthening existing weak two lane sretch on NH-4 from km. 773/0 to 781/0 in Khambatki Ghat between pune and Satara (under BOT with toll rights) (length-8 Km.)	32.00
9.	Maharashtra	Akola Bypass (NH-6) (length 13.5 km)	67.90
10.	Maharashtra	Amravati Bypass (NH-6) (length-16.0 km.)	90.30
11.	Maharashtra	Construction of bridge across Pingalai river in km. 113/800 of Nagpur-Edlabad section of NH-6	8.25
12.	Maharashtra	Construcvtion of ROB in km 23/800 near butibori on Nagpur-Hyderabad Road NH-7	—
13.	Maharashtra	Construction of missing link Zarap to Patradevi of Panvel-Mahad-Punjim road NH-17 Banda to Patradevi (km. 18/758 to 21/598)	2.84
14.	Maharashtra	Four-laning of Pune-Solapur-Hyderabad Raod NH-9 (Four-laning of Solapur bypass in km 0/0 to 4/500	18.00
15.	Maharashtra	Construction of high level bridge across Bhima river at km 144/800 on Pune-Solapur road NH-9	12.5
16.	Maharashtra	Construction of ROB with approaches at km. 399/0 near Fekri village on Nagpur-Dhule road NH-6	
17.	Maharashtra	Construction of flyover bridge (Wajre) westerly diversion outside Pune City km. 25 on NH-4	
18.	Maharashtra	Const. of Mumbra Bypass from km. 133/800 to 138/200 of Mumbai-Pune Road NH-4	32.00
19.	Maharashtra	Strenghening of the selected stretches on NH-6 & 7 in Nagpur Region	—
20.	Punjab	Constuction of ROB at Dera Bassi in km. 32.08 of Ambala-Kalka road (NH-22)	25.00
21.	Punjab	Constuction of ROB at Kurali in km. 26.428 of Chandigrah-Kiratpur road (NH-21)	20.00
22.	Rajasthan	ROBs (6 Nos.)	114.36
23.	Rajasthan	Jaipur-Kishangarh (4-laning) (length—93 km)	362.00
24.	Tamil Nadu	Constuction of ROB and its approaches in lieu of the existing level crossing at km. 73/6 of NH-46 and service road to connect Gudiyatham road (near Pachakuppam) in Tamil Nadu.	10.00

S. No.	State	Name of the Project	Approx. Cost (Rs. Crore)
25.	Tamil Nadu	Tirunevelli Bypass (NH-7)	55.50
26.	Tamil Nadu	Hosur Krishnagiri (4-lane) (lengh-61 km)	227.20
27.	Tamil Nadu	Chingelpet-Tindivanam (km 67 to 122) (length—55 km)	211.00
28.	Uttar Pradesh	Moradabad Bypass (Phase-I)	100.00
29.	West Bengal	Const. Of second Vivekanand Bridge across river Hooghly in km. 670 of NH-8 (length-5 km)	330.00
30.	West Bengal	Constuction of Belgharia Expressway on NH-34 (length-8 km)	88.00
31.	West Bengal	Durgapur Expressway	300.00
32.		BOT projects (Metro corridor)	2025.00
33.		Neela Mangla Tumkar	211.00

Improvement of National Highway-52 in Tinsukia sub-division

3822. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for widening and improvement of the Rupai Dirak portion of the Nation Highway-52 in Tinsukia sub-division of Assam has been received by Government;

(b) if so, the allocations made during the 9th Plan and schedule of work finalised for its widening;

(c) whether Government has taken up the work of replacement of three wooden bridges by RCC bridges in the said portion;

(d) if so, the progress of work made so far;

(e) whether this road being a link between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh is placed on priority list of Government for widening and improvement; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No.

(b) Ninth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised.

(c) and (d) R.C.C. bridges will be constructed by the side of the existing timber briges for which land acquisition has been sanctioned. Further action for construction of bridges will be taken after acquisition of land.

(e) and (f) The present traffic does not justify widening. Improvement works will be considered depending upon inter-se priority and availability of funds.

Improvement of National Highways

3823. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to improve and widen existing National Highways and to lay new highways in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Improvement including widening and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous